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IAC-M-259
9 October 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 9 October 1956

Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral R. H. Rice, acting Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Colonel R. A. Breitweiser, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Arab-Israeli Situation

The Chairman noted an inquiry he had received from Under Secretary of State Hoover regarding a certain aspect of the Arab-Israeli situation. After a discussion of this question the members agreed that the resources of the intelligence community should be used to follow up and develop further information on this matter.

2. Special Estimate on Effects of
Limitation of Nuclear Tests

Referring to the recent request by General Collins for a special estimate on the effects of limitation of nuclear tests on the Soviet atomic weapons development program, the Chairman noted that JAEIC had been instructed to prepare a preliminary draft, to be reviewed by the Board of National Estimates and approved by the IAC. The members concurred in this procedure, and agreed that the target date for completion of this estimate should be 6 November.

3. Approval of Minutes
2 October Meeting
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Approved as written, subject to the amendment of the last sentence of item 5 b to read as follows:

"After discussing various relevant developments, the members agreed that revision of such estimative judgments was not justified at this time."

4. Watch Committee Report
No. 322

Noted this report, including the special report incorporated in the annex thereto.

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5. NIE 11-6-56
Capabilities and Trends in
Soviet Science and Technology

Approved as amended.

6. NIE 43-56
The Prospects of the Government
of the Republic of China

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of NIE 43-55, "The Prospects of the Chinese Nationalist Government," 1 November 1955.

7. Review of Suez Developments

a. After distribution of a Board of National Estimates memorandum, dealing with certain aspects of the Suez situation, the members discussed various Suez developments, as well as comment received from Embassy Paris concerning SNIE 30-4-56, and concurred in the Board's view that revisions of SNIE 30-4-56 and SNIE 30-5-56 were not justified at this time.

b. Following their review of that portion of the Board's memorandum dealing with the related Arab-Israeli situation, the members also exchanged views on that problem and agreed that revisions of the most recent estimative judgments of the IAC with respect to the likelihood of a major Arab-Israeli conflict were not warranted at this time.

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9. NSC Briefing on Yugoslavia

The Chairman outlined the procedure he expected to follow in briefing the NSC on recent Yugoslav developments, and asked for an expression of views by the members on this matter. Following a discussion of this question, the members concurred in the Chairman's plan for presenting his briefing.

Adjournment: 1150

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